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In re Application of: Sundar Narayanan

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Title: METHOD OF MAKING UNIFORM OXIDE LAYER

OXIDE LAYER

Description: Sundar Narayanan

Examiner: James M. Mitchell

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003 for a period of one month.

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